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The United States Mission to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Permanent Missions and Permanent Observer Offices to the United Nations and wishes to bring to their attention information concerning the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) guidance requiring a negative pre-departure test for COVID-19 in the past 72 hours or documentation of recovery from COVID-19 within the past three months for all airline or aircraft passengers two years of age or older arriving into the United States from any foreign country as it relates to the travel of foreign mission personnel. Air passengers will also be required to confirm that the information they present is true in the form of an attestation. This Order is effective as of 12:01am EST (5:01am GMT) on January 26, 2021.

In order to help prevent the spread of travel-related cases of COVID-19 in the United States, the CDC has provided guidance for airline passengers arriving from all foreign countries which can be found at <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/travelers/testing-air-travel.html>. This new guidance is applicable to diplomatic travelers.

Each passenger should have a negative pre-departure test for COVID-19. This should be a viral test that was conducted on a specimen collected within three calendar days (72 hours) preceding the flight's departure. Alternatively, if the passenger has recovered from COVID-19 within the past three months, the passenger may instead travel with written or electronic

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documentation of a positive viral test result that confirms previous SARS-CoV-2 (virus that causes COVID-19) infection and a letter from a licensed health care provider or public health official stating that the passenger has been cleared for travel (Documentation of Recovery).

Passengers should retain written or electronic documentation reflecting the negative Qualifying Test result or Document of Recovery to present to the airline or aircraft operator. They must also produce a Qualifying Test result or Document of Recovery upon request to any U.S. government official or cooperating state or local public health authority.

The airline will verify that every passenger aged two years or older onboard the flight has attested to receiving a negative Qualifying Test result or has Documentation of Recovery from COVID-19. The airline will check the documentation, and each passenger should have a completed Passenger Disclosure and Attestation to the United States of America, which can be found at <https://www.cdc.gov/quarantine/pdf/attachment-a-global-passenger-disclosureand-attestation-2021-01-12-p.pdf>.

This latest guidance is supplementary to the travel requirements outlined in HC-51-20, the circular note distributed by the United States Mission to the United Nations on November 6, 2020, related to COVID-related travel requirements announced by the Governor of New York for travelers to the state. Inquiries concerning this and other matters related to COVID-19 may continue to be transmitted to the USUN Host Country Team. Past circular diplomatic notes and notices released by the Office of Foreign Missions related to COVID-19 may be found at <https://www.state.gov/office-of-foreign-missions-coronavirus-disease-2019-covid19-information-and-resources/>.

The United States Mission to the United Nations avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Permanent Missions and the Permanent Observer Offices to the United Nations the assurances of its highest consideration.

